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Our Reference: WA-NM#0223.90.01

Mr. Ross Becker, Acting Director
Medical Assistance Division
State of New Mexico
Human Services Department
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Dear Mr. Becker:

I am responding to your correspondence by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0223.90.01 that serves the Medically Fragile population who would otherwise require institutional care in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This HCBSW program expires on June 30, 2000. This temporary extension is necessary in order to allow your staff time to complete the renewal request.

Because a decision regarding renewal of this waiver could not be finalized before the current program expires on June 30, 2000, I am granting the State of New Mexico an initial temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0223.90.01. The program is approved under authority of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services with Federal financial participation from July 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000 at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder of my staff at (214) 767-4419.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations